REMARKS

This paper is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 14, 2003, for the above-referenced application. In this response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27 and 28 to depend from the allowed independent claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims are fully supported by the originally-filed specification.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 11, 20, 25 and 29. All remaining pending claims have been amended herein to depend from these allowed independent claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Based on the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding objections and rejections. Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4792.

Please charge any fees that may be required and which have not been provided for in accompanying documents or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

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